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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Michael Austin
Application No.: 09/683249
Filed: December 5, 2001
For: Combined Balloon-Expanding and Self-
Expanding Stent
Examiner: Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No: S63.2B-10014-US01

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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003. This petition is accompanied by \$420.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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